



Students of La Salle College proudly display their “Informatiekunde” projects

On Wednesday evening, the Director of Department of Education, Roseleen Oduber joined parents and the public to enjoy the results of the annual projects produced by the students of Rizah Semerel, teacher of “Informatiekunde” at La Salle College in Oranjestad.

“Informatiekunde,” is computer studies, but Ms. Semerel expands it to encompass media, communications, and their current technology that has such a profound effect on youth. For the past seven years, she has set her students to put together a media show, allowing them to work in groups or individually, thoroughly exploring all aspects of their topic, and presenting it in an informative and interesting fashion. One student, Saul Pozo investigated subject that interested him, including the history of printing, religion and AIDS. These were presented in not only a multimedia aspect, but also as a written report, as were a majority of the projects.

Students met visitors at the school door, and instructed them to “follow the mouse” a trail of computer peripherals that lead to the showroom. There they found a multi-media presentation, with a multitude of images flashing on computer monitors and large screens. Visitors were being monitored themselves, and the exposition was being projected live on one of the walls.

The displays dealing with communications and its various components, including satellite, were exhibited in a variety of methods that were as diverse as the 400 students that participated. From sculptures to PowerPoint presentations, the findings of the students during their research, in fact, often the adventure of the research itself, were recounted. Often the work entailed visiting facilities such as SETAR, Aruba’s national telecommunication company, and this was recorded and incorporated into the program.

Comments were welcome, and visitors were asked to record their thoughts on a giant sheet at the door. Ms. Oduber expressed that she was very impressed with the students’ work, and Ms. Semerel’s enthusiasm for her subject, which inspired and stimulated the youngsters. Ms. Semerel stated that she also takes great pleasure in seeing the response of her students to the subject, and arousing their interest to learn.

It was an edifying evening at the La Salle College, with both students and their parents, along with their teacher, very proud of the results of their effort, and a fascinating, informative night for visitors.